

GERMANS HAVE BROUGHT UP BIG GUNS AND RESUMED HEAVY BOMBARDMENT AT MANY POINTS ON A WIDE FRONT

Both British and French Official Reports Tell of Heavy Firing
By Big Guns During
Last Night

MONTDIDIER WAS THE CENTER OF ATTACK ON FRENCH FRONT

FRENCH TOOK PRISONERS IN TWO RAIDS

British Also Report Having Taken a Few Prisoners, but There Was Slight Activity by the Infantry

Paris, April 4.—Heavy artillery fighting occurred last night on the front north of Montdidier, the war office announced today. In raids in Champagne and on the Verdun front the French took prisoners and captured two machine guns.

LITTLE ACTIVITY ON BRITISH FRONT DURING THE NIGHT

German Artillery Kept Up Bombardment at Various Points and British Captured a Few Prisoners.

London, April 4.—There was little activity in the battle area last night except hostile artillery fire at various points, the war office announced today. A few prisoners were taken by the British.

GET NEW EQUIPMENT. American Troops on Way to Picardy Halted Temporarily.

With the American Army in France, April 4 (By the Associated Press).—While the activity among the American expeditionary forces for movement toward the battle line continues, one of the units which will go to Picardy came to a temporary halt yesterday to complete preparations for battle. New equipment was issued to the men and their rifles and machine guns were put in first-class condition. It was made sure that every weapon was ready for instant use. Many of the men took the opportunity of the halt to write home, for it probably will be the last good chance they will have to do so for some time. Many of the men marched yesterday through miles of tree-lined roads which were just faintly green with newly budding spring leaves. Women and children distributed flowers to the singing and whistling marchers at many points. The Americans stuck their bouquets in the muzzles of their rifles or in their hats.

FRENCH CIVILIANS SENT TO RUSSIA

Party, including 400 Women, Have Been Forced to Work, According to Information Obtained By Baron Cechia.

Paris, April 4.—A thousand French civilians, including 400 women, from the occupied districts of northern France have been sent to Russia by the Germans and are being forced to perform hard labor, according to information obtained by Baron Cechia, a former cabinet member.

RETURNED THEIR SALARIES. Some Members of Parliament Took a Patriotic Stand.

London, April 4.—The sum of \$500,000,000 was expended in maintaining the civil services in Great Britain for the past year, says an official announcement. This includes the sums spent on the king's palace. Immense excesses of expenditure over the amounts originally estimated are accounted for by war bonuses, increased cost of labor and material, and the higher cost of food.

In some items there are considerable savings. Members of Parliament turned back their salaries to the amount of \$75,000. There is a saving in the estimates for prisons, due to the decrease in the number of prisoners. Reformatories and similar institutions, however, cost more, owing to a larger number of juvenile delinquents. There were considerable savings in the diplomatic and consular service due to the withdrawal of missions from enemy countries.

Another side of war is reflected in an item of \$3 for a warrant revoking Sir Roger Casement's knighthood.

ARE IN ROME.

H. P. Davison and Ivy Lee to Join in Celebration April 6.

Rome, April 4.—H. P. Davison, chairman of the American Red Cross war council, and Ivy Lee of the American Red Cross arrived here today. They will participate in the celebration Sunday of the anniversary of America's entrance into the war.

WASHINGTON MEN PUZZLED

Because Allies Have Not Begun a Counter Offensive.

Washington, D. C., April 4.—With the battle of Verdun brought to a standstill for the time being, at least, and the initial momentum of the German drive overcome, military observers here are puzzled by the fact that a great counter assault had not developed. The psychological moment of the counter stroke under the rules of strategy, they think, is passing, if it has not already passed, without a recorded movement of the allied forces toward throwing back the exhausted foe before he has had time to dig himself in.

Officers here admit, however, that they do not know what the situation at the front is. If any report has come from General Bliss or Pershing that would serve to explain the defensive tactics of the allies, it is a carefully guarded secret.

It is possible, it was suggested, that the plan of campaign mapped out by General Foch is of far greater scope than would be involved in an effort to hurl the enemy back to his old lines. The German defenses there, which successfully stemmed the British assault in 1916 are still intact and even if the allies were successful in rushing the German lines back over the 20- or 30-mile zone he has wrested from them, they would face those defenses when their own organization was badly demoralized by their advance and their men showing the wear and tear of a prolonged offensive.

For this reason some officers were inclined to look elsewhere for the aggressive campaign to which they are pinning their faith. They have counted upon the creation of a unified army under General Foch to produce offensive operations and they see nothing in the situation at the present time to warrant the conclusion that the allies have not the necessary reserve forces or supplies.

WILL WELCOME AMERICANS. British Troops Glad to Receive Them in Their Ranks.

With the British Army in France, April 4 (By the Associated Press).—The announcement that American battalions are to be added to British divisions has created the greatest enthusiasm. The fact that such a move was to be made had been known for some time by the commanding officers, who anticipate most important results from it and accord the highest praise to the Americans for the attitude of self-sacrifice they have adopted in thus placing themselves under a foreign divisional command.

This action means that, for the time being, the American officers and men will give up much in the way of possible promotion which they might secure were they fighting under their own command. The American troops are looked upon as being among the best in the field, and it is believed that they will fall immediately into their niches, thereby swelling each British division.

British Fought Hard.

One of the greatest striking tributes to the bravery of the British was a comment tendered by the enemy to the famous 51st division, which was holding a section of the line in the vicinity of Domercourt, near the Bapaume-Cambrai road, on the first day of the battle when the Germans surged forward. The enemy attacked in a southerly direction under cover of the mists and outflanked the 51st in its initial rush.

The tremendous struggle continued at Doignies, which the Germans finally succeeded in taking the first day. It was here that a British officer fired a thousand rounds from the machine gun before his legs were cut off by a big shell. The British immediately counter-attacked with infantry and tanks and stormed their way through the shell-shattered hamlet which they held mainly with machine guns until night, when the enemy again surged forward and recaptured Doignies. The 51st was forced to fall back because of the fighting on its flanks. It retired slowly, fighting every inch of the way. The Germans now introduced a new scheme for advancing their troops. They blasted shell craters along the front of the 51st, and into these holes they dribbled their infantry, who found them good protection.

The 51st reached Hermies, where a bitter fight was waged. The enemy made a frontal attack in three waves on March 22, but the assault broke against the stone wall of resistance. The day the enemy got a hold on Hermies it was only to be smashed out again by the gallant 51st, but despite the successes the 51st was forced to fall back through Buegny and then to Bapaume, and finally to the line between Puisieux and Miraumont on the 26th.

The division had been fighting for six days and was almost exhausted. It was ordered to fall back to the Beaumont Hamel line, a little further west, but many of the men could not walk, they were so tired from lack of sleep. Then came over from the German side one of those little red balloons which the enemy had been using to carry out propaganda. The balloon was shot down, and here is the message it contained: "Good old 51st division, sticking to it yet. Cheer up!"

BRITISH COMPLIMENT AMERICAN AIRMEN

During the Last Fortnight They Have Rendered Invaluable Service to the Royal Flying Corps.

London, April 4.—The British war office pays a high compliment to American airmen in an official statement which says that during the last fortnight of intensive fighting in the air the assistance rendered by the personnel of the American air service attached to the royal air service has been invaluable.

BRITISH LOSE DESTROYER.

It Was Sunk in Collision—All Hands Were Saved.

London, April 4.—A British torpedo boat destroyer was sunk April 1 as a result of a collision, according to an official statement issued by the admiralty last night. All on board were saved.

"One of His Majesty's destroyers sank April 1 as the result of a collision. All hands were saved."

London, April 4.—The steamer Conargo was torpedoed in the Irish sea on Sunday morning, according to the Evening News yesterday. (This vessel is a British steamer of 4,312 tons gross and owned by the Commonwealth of Australia.)

At about the same time, the newspaper states, the Greek steamer Salamina of 3,112 tons, was sunk by gunfire.

About 50 men are reported missing from the two vessels.

MURDERING JEWS BY HUNDREDS

Three Hundred Slain in Kokand, Turkestan—Anti-Semitic Agitation in Kiev Is Assuming Acute Form.

Moscow, Tuesday, April 2 (By Associated Press).—Anti-Jewish riots have occurred in Turkestan. In Kokand 300 persons have been killed and much property has been destroyed, according to a local newspaper. The anti-Semitic agitation in Kiev is assuming an acute form. When the city was captured by the Ukrainians most of the inhabitants they shot were Jews.

COSTA RICA FEELS SPIRIT OF REVOLT

Force Under Jorga Volio Is Attacking Town in the Southern Part of the Country.

Managua, Nicaragua, April 4.—A revolution has broken out in southern Costa Rica. Jorga Volio has invaded Costa Rican territory from Panama and the force under him is attacking the village of Concepcion Perez, a town on the frontier. The Costa Rican government believes many of the invaders are natives of Panama.

ARE NOT HOODWINKED.

American Officials See Through Czernin's Speech.

Washington, D. C., April 4.—American government officials and the entente embassies saw another Teutonic peace offensive in the reported speech of Count Czernin, the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, declaring that recent negotiations were near between the Austrian and the allied governments.

The move, evidently conceived in Germany, they said, was made just as it became certain that the German drive in the west had failed of its purpose and was intended to bring discord among the allied powers and to cause discontent among their populations.

The foreign minister's statement that Premier Clemenceau of France had advanced a suggestion of peace discussions and his reference to Alsace-Lorraine as a stumbling block, it was declared here, were designed to create the belief that the desire of the allies to recover Alsace-Lorraine was the only thing that stands in the way of peace.

Officials and members of the diplomatic corps were unanimous in their declarations that Czernin's statements had no basis of fact and further that no peace suggestions coming from the Teutonic powers would be given consideration at this time.

AMERICANS INSULTED.

By Finnish Officers in Vasa on Occasion of Recent Visit.

Stockholm, April 4.—American and British army officers, who recently visited General Mannerheim, the Finnish white guard leader, upon orders from their Stockholm legations, were insulted and threatened with personal violence by Finnish officers in Vasa, according to a report from a war correspondent in Finland of a Swedish newspaper.

The correspondent says that the white government's foreign minister, who is a pro-German, sat at a nearby table but made no effort to protect the men. Americans and Swedes, who have recently been in Finland, declare that the incident is typical of the existing feeling among the majority of Finns. German doctrines are being spread among the white army forces.

CONFEREES AGREE.

On Bill Providing Heavy Penalties for Destruction of War Materials.

Washington, D. C., April 4.—The conferees of the Senate and House today agreed on the bill providing severe penalties for destruction of war materials and for sabotage.

NO FRENCH STEAMERS.

Were Sunk by German Submarines During Past Week.

Paris, April 4.—German submarines sunk eight French fishing vessels but no steamships last week.

GREAT BRAVERY BY AMERICANS LIBERTY LOAN RULES MADE

The Red Cross Workers Did Fine Service Amid Dangers
Campaign, Which Starts on April 6, Will Close on May 4

NURSES CARED FOR WOUNDED SOLDIERS

Ambulance Drivers Picked Up Wounded Stragglers Back of the Line

Paris, April 4.—Many reports have been received of bravery in the face of danger of various workers in the American Red Cross. Nurses did valuable work attending wounded soldiers, and ambulance drivers picked up wounded stragglers.

OLD BATTLE GROUND AGAIN RESOUNDS

Where British and Americans Fought 138 Years Ago the American Big Guns Reverberate, Partly Under British Instruction.

Charlotte, N. C., March 4.—After 138 years of peace and quiet the historic Kings Mountain battle ground, where the heroes fought and died that America might be freed of British rule is again awakened by the roar of artillery and rifle firing.

It has been brought about by the officials representing the United States government selecting this site as an artillery and rifle range and soldiers in training at Camp Greene will be trained there in the use of heavy field artillery, using the face of the mountain as a background. A plot of 2,700 acres has been leased for this purpose and a camp to accommodate 2,500 men and 1,200 horses has been erected near the site.

An odd feature is the fact that American soldiers are being partly tutored by British army officers sent to this country for instructing the descendants of sons of those men who fought against their forefathers 138 years ago.

TO SAVE GARBAGE.

And Extract the Parts Which Can Be Put to Use.

St. Louis, Mo., April 4.—Grease and glycerine are to be taken from all garbage collected in this city, and an appeal will be made to all St. Louisians to see that every bit of table and kitchen waste goes into the official garbage pail. The garbage will be collected by the city and valuable parts will be taken out and the rest used as fertilizer.

This action is the result of a movement for the conservation of garbage by the United States food administration.

A canvass of the city showed that many persons here burn or bury their garbage, thus "wasting the waste."

AIRPLANE AMBULANCE.

Carried Wounded Man 44 Miles for Immediate Operation.

Cairo, April 4.—The British official correspondent on the Palestine front gives an account of an instance in which an airplane was employed in actual service as an ambulance. When a light mobile force rounded up the Turkish post at Hassana, on the eastern side of the Sinai peninsula, one of the British soldiers received a wound which necessitated an immediate operation. An airman at once volunteered to carry the wounded man to the nearest hospital, 44 miles away across the desert. By this trip the man's life was saved.

SEN. GALLINGER HONOURED.

Given a Banquet on Occasion of 81st Birthday.

Washington, D. C., April 4.—The long public service and the personal character of Senator Gallinger of New Hampshire, veteran leader of the Senate Republicans, were extolled at a dinner given on his last night in celebration of the 81st birthday anniversary. Leaders of all parties and factions joined in expressions of felicitation.

The strength of intellectual men of experience is of as much value to their nation as the arms of youths in the trenches, said Myron T. Herrick of Ohio, former ambassador to France, who cited how France has called upon such leaders as Ribot and Clemenceau.

In a recital by several speakers of incidents in the career of Senator Gallinger, Senator Curtis of Kansas said he left "almost his deathbed" a year ago, to go to the Senate and vote for the declaration of war by Germany.

WEATHER REPORT BY SUBMARINE.

In That Way Germany Is Able to Learn of Conditions in England.

London, April 4.—How do the Germans obtain the accurate knowledge, which they are known to possess, of weather conditions in England, is often asked here. This knowledge is essential for them in their air raids, and captured documents show that their meteorological reports are fairly complete, despite the fact that no publication of weather data or forecasts is permitted in English newspapers.

An English meteorological expert declares that the answer to the question is not through any system of spies and land wireless, but that the data is derived from observations taken by submarines.

The important point for the Germans, he says, is to know the weather conditions off the northwest coast of Ireland and he thinks that a submarine working at that place is detailed to send weather reports to Germany by relays through the wireless apparatus working around the British Isles.

ONE PERSON WOUNDED.

By German Long-Range Bombardment of Paris.

Paris, April 4.—One person was wounded yesterday by the German long-range bombardment of Paris.

THANKS GOOSE GREEN ET AL.

For Fine Contribution to the Treasury of Barre Red Cross Branch.

A regular meeting of the Barre branch of the Red Cross was held last evening, with an attendance of 12. It is not possible that only 12 people in Barre and those places included in the membership of the Barre branch are interested in the work and so those who were present are searching for the reason why it seems impossible to have a meeting well attended. They have concluded that perhaps it is not generally understood that every person who gave \$1 for a membership fee is still a member, is eligible to attend all the meetings of the branch and to vote, and is expected to do so if he is at all interested in the immense work of the Red Cross the world over.

The president of the local branch, W. A. Drew, is authority for the statement that in the Barre branch there are 3,500 persons who are members—and there were 12 present last night.

Hundreds of persons here are busy working for the cause, but there should also be an interest in the business management of the branch, and when meetings are held there should be a large attendance. Members of other organizations do not leave the transaction of the business matters to a few faithful ones who are expected to attend, but the members as a whole turn out.

It may be that the explanation given above will bear fruit in the next meeting, which is earnestly hoped by the officers of the branch, and let there be more than 12 present out of a membership of 3,500.

A vote of thanks was extended to the Goose Green committee and to all other organizations who contributed to the funds of the branch, when over \$4,000 was raised last month.

The New England division meeting of the Red Cross is to be held in Boston April 9 and 10 and Miss Evelyn Phelps was elected a delegate from the local branch.

It was announced that over 8,000 pounds of clothing were collected for the Belgium relief at an expense of \$10. With all this said, there is a new cash on hand of \$2,500, from which the sum of \$800 a month was voted last night for the purchase of all supplies.

DEATH OF BARRE YOUNG WOMAN.

Berenice Winifred Hoar Died This Morning After Long Illness.

The death of Miss Berenice Winifred Hoar, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Hoar of this city, occurred this morning at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. Lewis Keith of Westerville, where she had resided for nearly three years. The cause of her death was pernicious anemia. Miss Hoar was born in Barre and had reached the age of 28 years and eight months. She received her education at Goddard Seminary, graduating in the class of 1911, and later, in 1913, in the teacher training course. For a time she taught school, but was obliged to give it up on account of ill health, in which she had always been a patient sufferer. She had an amiable disposition and leaves many friends to mourn her loss. She was an attendant at the Congregational church and for a time she sang in the Presbyterian choir.

Besides her parents, she is survived by two sisters and three brothers, Ellen M. Hoar of Barre, Lewis K., who is training in the aviation section of the navy at Charleston, S. C., Private Richard A. Hoar, a member of the 57th Pioneer Infantry, Headquarters company, stationed at Spartanburg, S. C., Elizabeth A., a student at Tufts college, Massachusetts, and Redfield D. of Barre; also her grandmother, Mrs. Lewis Keith of Westerville.

Funeral arrangements have not yet been completed. It is requested that flowers be omitted.

MRS. ELSIE (GARDEN) FORSYTHE.

Barre Woman Died Yesterday Afternoon at the Age of 55.

The death of Mrs. Elsie (Garden) Forsythe occurred at the City Hospital yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock, following an operation from which she failed to recover. Mrs. Forsythe had been in poor health for some time, though her last illness was of two weeks' duration. She was born in Huntley, Aberdeenshire, Scotland, 55 years ago, and after coming to this country resided in New York, about 14 years ago coming to Barre to make her home. Mr. Forsythe died some time ago and the only surviving near relatives are one brother in New York and another in Aberdeen.

The funeral will be held from her late home at 9 Brook street Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. Edgar Crossland officiating. Interment will be in Hope cemetery.

FUNERAL OF RICHARD VERCOE.

Was Held Yesterday Afternoon with Interment at Hope Cemetery.

Funeral services for Richard Vercoe, whose death occurred at his home, 4 Warren street, Sunday night after a prolonged illness, were held at the house Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. B. G. Lipsey, pastor of the Hedding Methodist church, of which the deceased was a member, officiating. The bearers were: William Blackmore, John Blackmore, John H. Bishop, Alfred Roach, Sydney Kidd and Clarence Tracy. A quartet consisting of William Oliver, Charles Oliver, Nicholas York and John Blackmore sang, "Nearer, My God to Thee," and "Sleep On, Farewell." Interment was made in Hope cemetery.

KILLED BY AUTOMOBILE.

Henry A. Shaw, Aged 72, Victim at Tilton, N. H.

Tilton, N. H., April 4.—Henry Augustus Shaw, aged 72 years, a flagman at the East Main street railroad crossing, was killed last night by an automobile. The car, which was a new one, was driven by Basil Rhodes of Franklin, son of Arthur Rhodes, a shoe dealer. Mr. Rhodes had a licensed driver with him. He came here to meet his father and mother, who were here attending the Methodist conference.

Mr. Shaw finished his work after the 8:15 o'clock train left the station and started for his home. He was run down by the machine about 300 feet from the crossing, where he was knocked down, the front wheel passing over his head. He was picked up and rushed to the office of Dr. E. F. Houghton, where he was pronounced dead by the physician.

In company with him was Albion Lowery, who managed to get out of the car when the horn was sounded, as claimed.

The headline on the left side of the machine struck Mr. Shaw, knocking him to the hard road.

WATCHMAN DIED AT POST OF DUTY

Guardian of Offices Committee on Public Information Slain

BULLET HOLE IN HEAD; OFFICES NOT TOUCHED

Apparently Watchman King Had Tried to Fire His Own Revolver

Washington, D. C., April 4.—James King, a night watchman at the office of the committee on public information, was found dead early today, with a bullet hole in his head, and the officials of the committee believe that he was murdered. They said that there was nothing to show the place had been ransacked.

An examination of King's pistol indicated that he had tried to fire it and the cartridge failed to explode.

Negro Suspect Arrested.

The police arrested a negro employe at the committee offices. They say that King and the negro had a quarrel. The police said that they did not believe King was killed by a person in search of papers containing war secrets.

WITNESS CHIDED LAWYER.

Told Him He Didn't Show Fine Discrimination.

By agreement of counsel the case of Maule Simpson vs. Central Vermont railway, in which the plaintiff seeks damages for injuries, has been continued until the next term of Washington county court.

The case of Bonazzi vs. Fortney was not finished Wednesday, as it was expected, because more time was required in examination of the witnesses than the attorneys originally thought would be required. The defense took up the presentation of testimony during the day, having called several witnesses. One of the interesting features of the case occurred when F. L. Laird was cross-examined by A. S. Martin. Mr. Laird had been pressing Mr. Martin rather hard relative to the signature on a contract, when Mr. Gordon objected to that line of examination, claiming that it was not the right form, whereupon Mr. Martin broke out, "He ought to know better."

Mr. Laird insisted that the witness was progressing rather slowly, when Mr. Martin again said, "Proceed as fast as your mind to," which brought laughter in the court room so that the sheriff tapped for order.

Late Wednesday afternoon Mrs. Bertha Kellogg, Herman Cutler, Edward Stowe and Dexter Willard testified, while this morning Mr. Fortney, Harry Bonazzi, William Adams and H. J. Conant were on the stand to show that Antonio Bonazzi was a member of the firm, while Mr. Fortney also was under fire of cross examination for some time relative to his dealings with the firm, and the signatures of notes and mortgages.

State's Attorney E. R. Davis this morning filed in county court information against Jack Brown of Barre, charging him with adultery. He is the correspondent named in the papers in the case of Amelia Wood, who is in Washington county jail awaiting disposal of her case for breach of probation.

THREE NEW CORPORATIONS.

Two Have Headquarters in Burlington, One in Rutland.

Corbin & Frye, Inc., of Burlington, have filed articles of incorporation in the secretary of state's office for the purpose of conducting an undertaking business in Burlington. Their capital stock is \$5,000, and the subscribers are John A. and Mae B. Corbin and Ray E. and Jennie W. Frye. The Burlington Co-operative Milk Production company, Inc., of Burlington, with a capital stock of \$50,000, has filed articles in the same office. These are signed by Fred C. Fiske, Fred B. Howe, E. E. Goodrich, A. Woodbury, 2d, of Burlington, F. L. Newton, T. B. Catlin, H. B. Chamberlain, E. W. Butler, John Stewart and S. A. Lareau of South Burlington. The Eastman Quarry company, Inc., of Rutland, with a capital stock of \$100,000, to do a quarrying business near Rutland, has also filed articles. These are signed by Wallace C. Clement and Walter S. Fenton of Rutland and Henry G. Smith of New York City.

WAS SERIOUSLY INJURED.

Everett Swasey Was Victim of Accident Near Montreal.

Waterbury, April 4.—Charles D. Swasey was sent yesterday to Montreal, having been called by news of the injury to his oldest son, Everett, who was employed by the Canadian Explosives Co. at its plant near Montreal. A telephone message received last night announced that the young man was in a serious condition, being at a hospital. The nature of the accident is not known but it is thought that he may have been burned by explosion of chemicals. He was employed by the Canadian Explosives company as a chemist following his graduation of the University of Vermont. He formerly resided in Barre, where he attended Spaulding high school.

DAMAGES PAID.

George P. Eastman and Percival W. Clement Pay \$26,930.

Rutland, April 4.—George P. Eastman and Percival W. Clement of this city have paid to the Vermont Marble company about \$26,930 as a settlement of the litigation over a boundary line between their adjoining marble properties at West Rutland in which the parties have been involved for some time. A final decree showing the payment of the damages for trespass has been filed in the office of County Clerk George N. Herman.

The sum stated includes \$882 costs in the case in which Eastman and Clement attempted to prove the validity of an illegal old agreement, which was later withdrawn from the case, and the balance figured in the original suit for establishment of the boundary.